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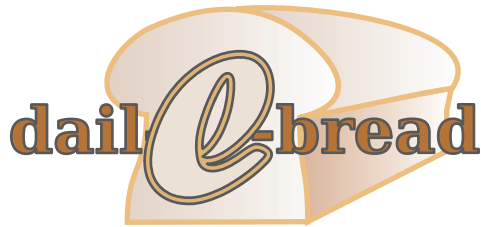
LUCKY!! Because its MARCH, I decided to see what the scripture says about the word lucky. It seemed like a topic that would be found somewhere in holy writ. But to my surprise, it really doesn't seem to be. The word "**Lucky**" is found only in one translation, and even then only once in the bible. This fact alone is an indication that the word and its connotations, and the feelings associated with being "lucky" likely didn't much exist in most minds thousands of years ago. One suspects that the workings of the world, both good and bad, were always related to divine (supernatural, both good and bad) intervention, never to just chance, or "**LUCK**"... as most would use the word today. Lucky is translated (according to Biblos.com's commentary) only in the *GODS WORD translation* (1995) as "lucky". KJV for the same script writes "a troop comes". This phrase doesn't have the universal connotations today that it once had either. How would the coming of a "troop" be lucky. So other translations use the words "happily" or "how fortunate". But it seems completely unintelligible out of context how these different translations came about.

LUCKY, is found in Genesis 30:11— and therein lie interesting suggestions about the "use" of the word which emanate from a story the original hebrew, according to Matthes Henry's Concise Commentary. That text puts the meaning of the word LUCKY as an expression of Leah's rivalry with Rachel for proclivity and desire for attention over their ability to produce their own male offspring and also have male offspring of their handmaids. Bilhah and Zilpah were given to Jacob by these sisters, in a race for who might have the most "sons". Its hard to imagine the pressure and frustration of women in that era, where it must have been an unbelievable social burden to have too few, or no male progeny. So when a son is born to Leah's handmaiden, she expresses her joy by saying "**a troop is coming**". She may have meant "now there are going to be lots of male babies for me. a whole army of them !!!", or she may have been expressing how she felt protected in view the "social" security of her friends and family's admiration (probably not Rachel's however) now having produced another male offspring.

So, rather than saying good luck to you this March, I will say, **!!! Blessings !!!**

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"Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God"



- GROW in grace
- GROW in prayer
- GROW in godliness
- GROW in wisdom
- GROW in knowledge
- GROW together
- GROW like the lilies

The dail-e-bread calendar has been better for me, I am sure, than for anyone who might read it. Thinking of a theme for each month, and the daily "one-liners" has had great benefits for me. I hope you check it each morning. For March, a Biblos.com search indicates that the word "grow" occurs about 275 times in the bible, and it certainly provided me with insight into how many areas I should be growing, as a seeker of the eternal power. **Hover** your mouse over individual numbers on the calendar to reveal the attributes of GROWTH which, daily, the Bible tells us to think on. They fit well with the season of the vernal equinox and the springing up of new growth.

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My prayer, his prayer, your prayer, in prayer.

March's **"my prayer"** is that healing comes to those of you who are in pain and are sick: --that laughter comes to those of you who feel tired and exasperated: -- and that faith comes to those of you, like myself, who find the concept of the "eternal" overwhelming, mentally, even to the point of fatigue, and totally un-understandable (which of course is nothing new -- "through a glass darkly" say's Paul).

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Pray for your friends without ceasing.